



**Monday, May 16, 2022
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 17-22
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 17-22
July 18, 2022

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bridget Donnell Newton	Mayor	Present
Monique Ashton	Councilmember	Present
Beryl L. Feinberg	Councilmember	Present
David Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a hybrid Open Meeting Session at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022, via WebEx.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Rockville City Attorney Robert E. Dawson, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton called for a moment of silence for the shooting victim in Buffalo, New York, and Laguna Woods, California.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported no changes to the agenda and turned it over to the City Manager for discussion.

City Manager Rob DiSpirito requested that Mayor and Council table Agenda Item #10 and allow staff to address newly received information related to this agenda item.

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to table Agenda Item #10, Discussion and Instructions to Staff on Sectional Map Amendment MAP2022-00123, an Application to Rezone the Property

at 406 Great Falls Road from R-90 to R-90 (HD - Historic District) in Order to Place the Property in a Historic District; Historic District Commission of Rockville, Applicant.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

4. Proclamation

A. Proclamation Declaring the Sovereignty of Ukraine

Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the proclamation declaring the Sovereignty of Ukraine in Rockville.

	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

B. Proclamation Declaring May 18, 2022, as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Day Against Bullying and Hate

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg read and moved the proclamation declaring May 18, 2022, as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Day Against Bullying and Hate in Rockville.

	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

C. Proclamation Declaring May 21, 2022, as National Kids to Parks Day

Councilmember David Myles read and moved the proclamation declaring May 21, 2022, as National Kids to Parks Day in Rockville.

	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Myles, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

5. Presentation

A. Montgomery County Department of Transportation's presentation on the Bus Rapid Transit Project on MD 355

Director of Public Works, Craig Simoneau, introduced the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's Cory Pitts, who gave a brief presentation on the Bus Rapid Transit Project on MD 355

Staff recommends the Mayor and Council receive a presentation from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation on the Bus Rapid Transit Project on MD 355.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

May 16, 2022, Agenda item 5.

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6. Boards and Commission Annual Reports

A. Rockville Housing Enterprise Annual Report

Director of Housing and Community Development, Asmara Habte, introduced Rockville Housing Enterprise Director, Jessica Anderson, who provided a Brief Presentation to Mayor and Council.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive Rockville Housing Enterprises' annual report on its accomplishments and activities in which RHE is engaged and exploring.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

May 16, 2022, Agenda item 6.

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7. Community Forum

Virtual Speakers

Name	Topic
Speaker and Written Comments Lauren Lehman Human Services Advisory Commission	2023 Budget
Speaker Melissa McKenna	MCPS CIP Project and Bus Depot

In-Person Speakers

Name	Topic
Vincent Russo	Historic Properties

8. Public Hearing on Sectional Map Amendment MAP2022-00124, to Change the Zoning of 500 Great Falls Road from R-90 to R-90 (HD - Historic District); Historic District Commission of Rockville, Applicants

Preservation Planner, Sheila Bashiri gave a brief presentation on the Change of Zoning request on Sectional Map Amendment MAP2022-00124, 500 Great Falls Road from R-90 to R-90(HD – Historic District)

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council hold a public hearing and receive public testimony on Sectional Map Amendment MAP2021-00124.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

The Public Hearing opened at 8:56 PM.

Virtual Speakers

Name	Address Phone Number/Email
Speaker by Computer and Written Comments Miriam Bunow Peerless Rockville	Peerless Rockville 301-762-0096 outreach@peerlessrockville.org
Speaker by Computer Katherine Rogers Peerless Rockville	Peerless Rockville 301-762-0096 collections@peerlessrockville.org

In-Person Speakers

Name	Address Phone Number / Email
Hector G. Mora	500 Great Falls Road Rockville, MD 20850 hgmora@gmail.com
Nancy Pickard Peerless Rockville	Peerless Rockville director@peerlessrockville.org

The Public Hearing closed at 9:20 p.m.

The record will remain open until the close of business on June 3, 2022, and the Discussion and Instruction agenda item is scheduled for the June 27, 2022, meeting.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

May 16, 2022, Agenda item 8.

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9. Vacancy Report/Hiring Freeze Status

Deputy Director of Human Resources, Colette Anthony presented the Vacancy Report/Hiring Freeze Status to the Mayor and Council.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council review and discuss the Vacancy and Hiring Freeze Report of positions that were open as of April 30, 2022.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

May 16, 2022, Agenda item 9.

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Councilmember Feinberg left the meeting for the evening at 9:56 p.m. due to ongoing medical advice restricting the length of time she may participate in meetings.

10. Town Center Initiative Update and Community Engagement

Director of Community Planning and Development Services, Ricky Barker gave a brief presentation and update on Town Center Initiatives.

Staff recommends Mayor and Council receive an update on the Rockville Town Center Initiative and community engagement and provide direction on the actions related to the initiative, and on the recommendations for Town Center community engagement.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

May 16, 2022, Agenda Item 11

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Old/New Business

Mayor Newton requested that staff reconvene the Rockville Goes Purple working group and send out a Doodle Poll to gather dates for a kick-off meeting.

Councilmember Ashton directed staff to work on the comprehensive plan for Town Center and get back to Mayor and Council.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED (4-0)

MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala